

Application No.: 10/752,208
Amendment dated August 16, 2007
Reply to Office Action of June 7, 2007

REMARKS

The Applicant requests that the above amended by introduced and that the application be reconsidered as amended. By this Amendment, claim 1, 34, and 39 were amended to define the "longitudinal direction" of the claimed invention. The addition of "new matter" has been scrupulously avoided.

Claims 1, 3-10, and 21-23, 25-39 remain pending in this application.

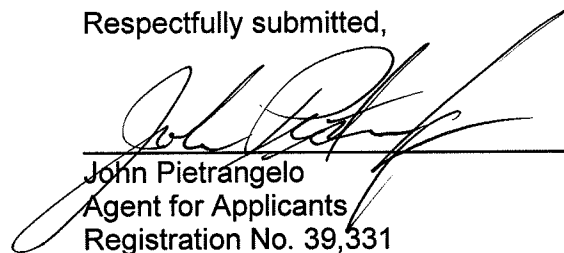
The above amendment is identical to the proposed amendment submitted to Examiner Philip Gabler in a facsimile transmitted on June 29, 2007 and discussed with Examiner Gabler on July 5, 2007. The Applicant wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the assistance provided by Examiner Gabler during the prosecution of this application.

Conclusions

The Applicant believes that the above Amendment overcomes the rejections of the subject Office Action and places the application in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action on the merits of the application is requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant's undersigned Agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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